

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) An optical instrument comprising:
 - at least one binocular viewing port defining at least one binocular beam path having two channels;
 - an imaging module;
 - a display module;
 - a first beam splitter for reflecting a portion of the beam path from one channel out onto the imaging module and alternatively for reflecting external image data from the display module into the one channel toward the viewing port, and a second beam splitter for reflecting a portion of the beam path from the other channel out onto the imaging module and alternatively for reflecting external image data from the display module into the other channel toward the viewing port, wherein the imaging module and the display module are arranged in stationary fashion with respect to the optical instrument; and
 - a first optical switcher that optically connects the imaging module to either of the first beam splitter and the second beam splitter, and a second optical switcher that optically connects the display module to either of the first beam splitter and the second beam splitter.
2. (previously presented) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 1, wherein each of the first and second optical switchers includes at least one rotatable prism.
3. (previously presented) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 1, wherein the first and second optical switchers each include slidable prisms.
4. (original) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 2, wherein the prisms are rhomboid prisms.
5. (original) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 3, wherein the prisms are rhomboid prisms.
6. (original) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 1, wherein the imaging module and the display module are optically connected to different channels of the binocular beam path.

7. (previously presented) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 6, wherein the first and second optical switchers are coupled to one another in such a way that the imaging module and the display module cannot be connected simultaneously to the same channel.
8. (previously presented) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 7, wherein the first and second optical switchers are prisms coupled to one another by a shaft.
9. (previously presented) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 1, wherein the first and second beam splitters are beam splitter prisms or beam splitter cubes.
10. (original) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 1, wherein the optical instrument is a microscope having a binocular viewing port.
11. (original) The optical instrument as defined in Claim 1, wherein the optical instrument is a stereo microscope having a binocular viewing port.
12. (canceled)